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Man shot dead, Boston's 1st homicide of 2012

Police guard scene in Dorchester, seek public's assistance

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Police officers stood guard yesterday at the scene of Boston's first killing of the year: a Dorchester residence where a man in his 20s was found fatally shot Saturday afternoon.

Authorities did not release the identity of the man, but said the investigation into his death is active.

"We're still asking for the public's help," said Officer Nicole Grant, a police spokeswoman.

Police said officers responded to 23 Trull St. after receiving a call for shots fired at about 1:53 p.m. Saturday.

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A man in his 20s, who had life-threatening injuries from a gunshot wound, was found inside the two-and-a-half-story residence and taken to Boston Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead.

Officer Eddy Chrispin, a police spokesman, declined to provide further details last night.

A neighbor, who requested that she not be named because she fears for her safety, said she saw the victim lying face-up with gunshots to his abdomen.

She said police officers attempted to resuscitate the man, to no avail.

"They climbed on top of him to do CPR," said the woman. "He didn't move. He was limp. It's sad."

Homicide detectives investigated the scene into the evening; both 23 Trull St. and an adjacent residence, 21 Trull St., were closed off from the sidewalk with Police Department tape.

After the tape had been cut, police vehicles both marked and unmarked remained parked outside the home along Trull Street and around the corner on Glen Street, which 21 Trull St. abuts, until at least 10 p.m.

Officers at the scene last night said they were there to wait for the properties' tenants to return after the initial indoor crime investigation had been completed and would not allow anyone but those who lived there to approach either residence.

Last April, 23-year-old Edmund "Duce" Andrade was fatally shot in the head across the street, at 22 Trull St., according to police.

Andrade was known to have sold drugs, a neighbor and former gang member told the Globe at Andrade's funeral last year.

Boston police asked anyone with information to call the Homicide Unit at 617-343-4470. Information can also be provided anonymously to police via the CrimeStoppers Tip Line at 800-494-TIPS or by texting the word 'TIP' to CRIME (27463).

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